

RESOLUTION 2018-01

**REGULATING THE DECORATION OF THE HORSE STATUES AT THE
HARDING ROAD ENTRANCE OF BELLE MEADE BOULEVARD**

WHEREAS, the mare and foal design has been the official trademark of the City of Belle Meade (“City”) since 1938; and

WHEREAS, in 1997, the City, through its Board of Commissioners (“Board”) authorized bronze statues of the mare and foal to be erected on publicly-owned property at the entrance onto Belle Meade Boulevard from Harding Road/US Highway 70 W (hereinafter “the statues” and “the property”); and

WHEREAS, the statues have become a beloved symbol of the City; and

WHEREAS, in the Spring of 2017, during the exciting and historic Stanley Cup Playoff run of the Nashville Predators NHL Hockey Team (“Predators”), the City allowed the statues to be decorated with flags or banners of the team; and

WHEREAS, in January 2018, representatives of the Tennessee Titans NFL Football Team (“Titans”) requested to be allowed to place flags or banners of the team on or near the statues, which permission has been granted by the Mayor and City Manager; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that allowing the statues or property to be so decorated for a limited period of time when Nashville’s major league hockey and football teams have reached the playoffs in their respective sports builds unity, community pride, excitement, and support for these teams, which have contributed so much to the greater Nashville community, and that this policy is otherwise in the public interest; and

WHEREAS, the City has not by its past actions and does not with this Resolution intend to designate the statues or the property as a traditional public forum, or even as a limited public forum, except as limited by and in strict accordance with this Resolution;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the City of Belle Meade as follows:

SECTION 1. In those years in which either the Titans or Predators make the play-offs in their respective sports, upon the prior written request of either team or its representatives, the City, through the City Manager, may grant permission for flags or banners of the team (s) to be placed on or near the statues in celebration of those events.

SECTION 2. No decorations of any other kind shall be permitted.

SECTION 3. No decoration that would color, alter, damage or deface the statues shall be permitted.

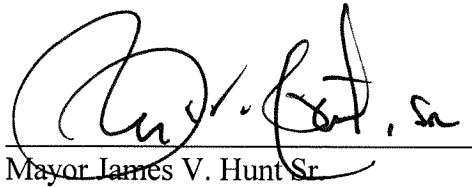
SECTION 4. All decorations must be removed by the teams or their representatives within twenty-four (24) hours of either team's last game in their respective playoff series.

SECTION 5. The City reserves the right, in its complete discretion, to require that the decorations be modified or removed at any time for safety, aesthetics, or for any other reason.

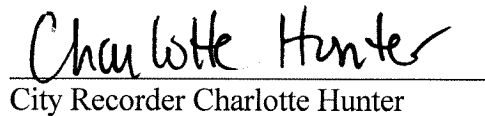
SECTION 6. This permission is limited to the Titans and Predators, since these teams are in the top leagues in their sports and represent the City and Nashville as a whole. Other than as provided in this Resolution, the City does not and will not permit any other athletic teams, professional, collegiate, or high-school, or any other person or organization to place signs, flags, banners, streamers, or decorations of any kind at, on or near the statues or the property.

SECTION 7. This Resolution shall become effective upon its passage.

Adopted: January 17, 2018



Mayor James V. Hunt Sr



City Recorder Charlotte Hunter